



TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 18, 1905.

THE REPUBLICAN meeting last night was attended by most of the white representative men of that organization in this city. There were but four colored men present, and they left before the meeting adjourned. The casual spectator was reminded of certain utterances in Alexandria many years ago—during reconstruction days and the rise of Mahoneism. The speakers last night dwelt long upon the sanctity of the public school system, reiterating, as was done a third of a century ago, that it was conceived and established by the Underwood convention, and a mountain was made out of the mole hill that exists at present in the State Board of Education. But the most amusing sallies were those made against the present suffrage system whereby only those who are willing to pay their capitation taxes are allowed to vote. Considerable breath was spent while the mercury was holding tenaciously to the ninety mark in attempts to show what the speakers imagined was an injustice to a large percentage of poor, but honest and patriotic citizens of the Commonwealth. The late constitutional convention was by no means an infallible body, nor did it pretend to be such, but that it was altogether right in imposing a poll tax is generally allowed. This measure eliminated portions of the tail of all political kites by making it a requisite for good citizenship for a man to pay his taxes. It is hoped that Virginia will ever regard this as a law of the Medes and Persians. There were other utterances last night that reproduced reminiscences of the early seventies when white spirits and black mingled in republican meetings in Alexandria. One was to the effect that it was the aim of the democratic party to run the State by aristocrats entirely, by which means the plebeians would be relegated to the rear. This, one of the speakers dreamed, was the object of the party when the poll tax law was enacted. This is an ancient charge and one of the most baseless that was ever uttered by people posing as sensible beings. A prominent colored politician of by-gone years, now dead, said substantially the same thing in a colored school house here in 1871, and added a libel on the late William Smith, when he asserted that the ex-Governor had said on one occasion that children of the poor should not be educated, as some black diamonds might come out of the plebeian stock and oust those intended to rule by virtue of their birth. That the late Governor, astute politician as he was, never uttered such words, needs no contradiction from us.

SENATOR Thomas C. Platt as he stood on the piazza of his home, Tioga Lodge, in the Skunkmunk Mountains, near Highland Mills, N. Y., last Sunday, made this remarkable statement:

Seventy-two years old—a great many days and months and years—some of fruitful, some barren, but none of them worth the while. No, it has not been worth while. It could have been so much better—or, at least, so different from what it is.

The Senator two years ago, when he had reached his 70th birthday, said he did not want to live the century club, but desired to live five years longer. On Sunday he stated that his wish was that his existence would be prolonged five years from that date. The Senator said he had no desire to go over his life again, but if that were possible he would shape it differently. Senator Platt is like most human beings. Were it in his power to go back to childhood, with his seventy years experience, he would not repeat many of the mistakes of his life, but that he would make others equally as serious is probable. In the evening of life we all realize that our existence has been but a school, and as the shadows lengthen we feel that we are only beginning to learn how to live.

WHEN Mr. J. R. Caton was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor with a strong probability of being nominated, the people of Alexandria city and county, fully appreciating his services in the House of Delegates at a critical time in the State's history, knew that as Lieutenant Governor he would be in Richmond while the General Assembly was in session looking after the interests of his constituents. Since Mr. R. Taylor Ellyson entered the field, however, and Mr. Caton withdrew from the race in his favor, many citizens of this city and county have been anxious to see Mr. Caton in the Legislature again and have endeavored to prevail upon him to stand for re-election. He has the matter under advisement and his friends hope he will re-enter the field.

THE REPUBLICANS of this city selected a hot night on which to elect delegates to their State and city conventions and otherwise went to considerable trouble to accomplish nothing—certainly so far as Alexandria is concerned. The number of white and colored republican voters in this city is small indeed; so

small that in many instances the same delegates were named for both conventions. The party, it is predicted, will cut a sorry figure in the election to be held next November.

IN THE Connecticut Senate last Friday Senator Donovan, one of the six democratic members of that body caused a sensation by saying: "On the authority of a Senator, I will say that the New Haven road (meaning the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad) has paid \$10,000 for a senatorial vote, and I pause for contradiction." So far there has been no contradiction, and this fact leads many to believe that more than one member of the Connecticut Senate has received money for his vote.

THE Venezuelan government has paid to the British and German legations 2,797,959 bolivars, being the first six months' instalment due under the contract recently signed for the conversion of the foreign debt of Venezuela. Still, the jingoes in this country are ever accusing Venezuela of being false to every trust. The truth of the whole matter is that Venezuela owes a large sum of money and asks only to be treated fairly in order that she may pay her debts.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Washington, D. C., July 18.

John Hyde has resigned as Chief Statistician of the Bureau of Statistics of the Agriculture Department. The ground alleged is failing health. Mr. Hyde said this afternoon that even before the present trouble in the Bureau of Statistics, he had intended to resign in the fall, as he had become tired of the constant strain he had been placed under by reason of the criticisms of his work. He came to Washington in 1890 from Nebraska, and was first employed in the Agricultural Division of the Census Bureau. In 1894 he was transferred to the Department of Agriculture, and was made chief statistician shortly after Secretary Wilson came into office. He says he has not as yet formed any plans for the future. It is announced that Prof. Willet M. Hays, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, will be put in temporary charge of the Bureau of Statistics pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Hyde as Chief Statistician.

Formal announcement has been made by the Panama Canal Commission of the selection of Jackson Smith, until recently general passenger agent and assistant to the president of the International Railway Lines of Mexico, as assistant to Chief Engineer Stevens. Although not an engineer by profession, Mr. Smith has for a number of years been engaged in railroad construction and operation in the tropics. Chief Engineer Stevens thinks that his assistance in the management of the labor on the isthmus will be of great value to the commission. His compensation will be large, the exact figure so far being secret. Mr. Smith will accompany Chairman Shontz and Mr. Stevens to Panama, sailing with them on the steamship Mexico from New York on Thursday. Mr. Stevens was in this city today.

A fraud order was issued today by the Postoffice Department against J. B. Williams and wife, E. P. Wilson, Geo. W. Taylor and wife, B. Howard and Rudolph Newchaffer, of Newark, N. J. They are accused of ordering merchandise from over the country without the intention of paying for it. Williams is alleged to have opened a wholesale grocery store in Newark and with the others accused is said to have reshipped goods ordered but not paid for, to New York, Perth Amboy, New Jersey and other cities for sale.

It is learned here that when Congressmen Slem and Collector Summers applied last week in person to Commissioner of Revenue Yerkes for permission to remove the internal revenue office from Alexandria to Abingdon, the refusal was so positive that another attempt at the removal of that office will probably not be made for some time to come.

Passed Assistant Paymaster D. W. Nesbit, U. S. navy, of Wrentham, Va., has been assigned by the bureau of navigation to be paymaster on the yacht Mayflower, which is being fitted up for Russian and Japanese entertainment of the peace envoys when they reach the United States.

Thermometers along Pennsylvania avenue registered 100 degrees in the shade at noon today, with the mercury still climbing. Official temperature on top of the Weather Bureau was 92. Thus far it is the hottest day of the summer.

The Panama Canal Commission received a report from the isthmus today of the death from yellow fever of one man. Three new cases are reported.

The German trade, according to Consul General Guntner, at Frankfurt, has led enterprising German manufacturers to stamp their output "American made." American patterns and styles are very popular in Europe, and the German makers copy the shoes on sale in European cities at American agencies. German dealers and manufacturers are discussing higher tariffs on American shoes, and desire the establishment of a government technical school for shoemakers.

Secretary Wilson, of the Agriculture Department, today received special reports from several State agents in regard to the accuracy of the census report issued June 3rd and when all are in the question of issuing a new report of acreage will be decided. The prevailing opinion is that a new report will not be ordered, the department standing by the accuracy of the June report despite the larger decrease in acreage announced by the Southern Cotton Growers' Association and others. Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., the associate statistician, who was dismissed last week, has returned to his home in this city after a mysterious absence of several days. He declines to say anything about his dismissal, or the investigation now being conducted by the Department of Justice.

Wheat Market Weak.

Following the downward movement elsewhere, the local wheat market in Baltimore yesterday was weak, and prices show a decided decline. Spot wheat at the close of the market was 54 cents a bushel lower than at Saturday's close, and the decline in the options was 13 cents to 2 cents. No. 2 red Western at the close was quoted at 85½ cents a bushel. The market for Southern wheat was also lower, and cargoes of No. 2 red at noon were quoted at 88½ cents a bushel, against 91 cents on Saturday. There were large receipts of Southern wheat, comprising 43,391 bushels, and it is increasing receipts and the favorable crop weather that the present weakness of the market is mainly attributable.

News of the Day.

Sergius Witte in an interview stated that he is by no means a "peace-at-any-price" advocate.

Kentucky is trying to recover \$12,000,000 in back taxes from the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The bill to redistribute the seats in the British House of Commons has gone over to next session.

The policemen were yesterday for the first time since the teamsters' strike in Chicago began taken off wagons of firms involved in the strike.

A seeming inspired announcement in St. Petersburg states that the great powers, in order to protect Europe, may intervene if Japan's peace terms be in moderate.

A St. Peter-burg newspaper in a supposedly inspired article says "Europe no longer believes in Japan's assurances that she will not restrict European interests in the far East."

The entire crew of 48 men on the British steamer Indrani, from Japanese and Chinese ports, was detained at quarantine at New York yesterday to be observed for bubonic plague.

King Oscar in an interview said he had forgiven the Norwegians, and hoped the Swedish people would remain calm, as it would be hanging a millstone about their necks to restore the union forcibly.

Because she was not pretty and graceful like other girls Miss Matilda King, daughter of the late Colonel Rufus King, of Elizabeth, N. J., took her own life in the home of her aunt, Mrs. D. P. Thomas, at West Jersey and Clinton streets, a few nights ago.

William F. Hubbard, an assistant in the forest service of the Department of Agriculture, residing in Washington, was drowned in the Potomac river, about a mile and a half below Great Falls, Md., yesterday while on his way in a canoe from Harpers Ferry, W. Va., to Washington.

Thomas F. Ryan, owner of the majority stock of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, has entered into an agreement with Messrs. Cleveland, O'Brien and Westinghouse to sell his stock to the society for \$2,500,000 plus 4 per cent., should the directors of the society so request within two years.

Forty-Seven Wounds.

With a bloodstained envelope as a possible clue, eight detectives are endeavoring to solve the brutal murder of a man named Steven, in his room, in St. Louis. At a post-mortem examination yesterday evening 47 wounds were found on Steven's body by Dr. H. A. v. n. There were 20 wounds in vital spots. Steven was about 47 years old, and the theory has been advanced that he was stabbed for every year of his life as the result of a pact by a Greek secret society. William Ambuster, former superintendent of the morgue, said that it was the most "scientific butchering" he had ever seen. He believes that from three to six men committed the murder. Steven's money belt had been cut open and its contents taken. The police believe the murder was committed by an agent of a secret society. The envelope, which may be a clue, was addressed to Antanasius, at 273 south Plink street, St. Louis, and was postmarked Brookfield, Mass. A notation had been made on it in blue pencil. The first figure was "7." The police believe this may have been the first of "717," the south Second street address. More than 20 Greeks are under arrest.

Insect Pests at Panama.

So serious has become the scourge of insects in the canal zone that the supply of insect powder in this country has been exhausted by an emergency call from the sanitary officers on the isthmus. A requisition by the army medical department for 28 tons of various insecticides revealed the fact that there were but 20 tons of the needed materials in New York. It is believed by the medical officers that the quantity desired on the isthmus exhausted the supply in the country. There was purchased at the same time 20 tons of sulphur and 100 iron pots in which to burn it, together with fifteen tons of newspapers, which were needed in the fumigation of the buildings of the isthmus.

All this material was called for by cable, purchased by the medical officers in New York, and delivery made at the isthmus within two weeks from the time the cable message was sent. This is a star performance, in which the medical officers take great pride, and they say the civilian purchasing officials are unable to accomplish their work in any such short period.

Trouble in Crete.

A dispatch from Cana, Crete, dated Sunday, says that the meeting which was held on Saturday between the foreign consuls and representatives of the insurgents has not improved the situation. The insurgents argued in justification of their armed movement and insisted upon a modification of the political status of the island in the direction of a union with Greece. They declared that they would yield only to force. The consuls will give an official reply to the insurgent assembly after a consultation. Owing to several assassinations recently the Mohammedans of the island are alarmed and are abandoning their country homesteads and entering the towns. Many appeals are being made to the consuls. On Sunday three deputations begged the protection of the British Consul. A force of 350 Russian soldiers arrived from Odessa yesterday and has been sent to Retimo, on the north coast. It is a city of 3,000 inhabitants, almost all Turks.

TELEGRAPHIC RECEIVES.

United States Senator William A. Clark, who is recovering in New York from the effects of an operation for mastoiditis, passed a comfortable night, and his physicians said this morning that the Senator was doing very well.

A tornado struck Cambridge and Spring Valley, Minn., last night and blew three barns and crops away. Jennie Anderson, of Cambridge, was struck by lightning and killed. Others are injured. Communication was broken. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

Bertha Claiche, the "white slave," who shot and killed her master Emil Gendron, and who was indicted for murder by the grand jury in New York yesterday, appeared before Justice Foster today and pleaded not guilty to the indictment. A date for the trial of the girl will be set later in the month.

It was announced at the general offices of the Newburgh, Dutchess and Connecticut Railroad, at Newburgh, N. Y., today, that the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad had purchased that road. This means that the New Haven now has absolute control of the eastern freight business.

Virginia News.

Dr. William H. Lyne, a well-known physician, is dead in Richmond, aged 32 years. He was a native of Orange county.

Elwood Clevinger, a prosperous farmer, died of consumption at his home, in the western part of Frederick county, yesterday, aged about 40 years.

Daniel Quinn, a well-known printer, died of consumption at his home in Richmond yesterday. Mr. Quinn was for a long time employed in Washington.

Governor Montague spoke at Culpeper yesterday to a large audience. The Governor's speech was on the lines usual in his canvass for the Senate. He was introduced by Congressman Rixey.

The republican executive committee of Loudoun county has called a convention at Purcellville on July 29 to elect delegates to the Roanoke convention which will be held August 8.

Herman C. Schmidt, a well-known grocer on Brooke avenue, Richmond, committed suicide Sunday evening by taking a large dose of arsenic. He had been in bad health and despondent for sometime.

Robert H. Leath, 26 years old, clerk in Julian H. Tyler's clothing store, Richmond, was found dead on Byrne street, Petersburg, yesterday morning. Apoplexy or heart disease was adjudged the cause of death.

Work was begun yesterday on the new Phi Kappa Psi fraternity house at the University of Virginia. The building will stand on a commanding position, overlooking Charlottesville and facing the Y. M. C. A. campus.

The cornerstone of the Elks' Home which is being erected by Charlottesville Lodge, No. 339, at a cost of nearly \$20,000, was laid with impressive ceremony at 6 o'clock yesterday evening. The chief address was by Capt. Micajah Woods.

The republican executive committee of Fairfax county has issued a call for a county convention to be held at Vienna on July 21, to elect delegates to the republican State convention. Judge L. L. Lewis will receive the endorsement of the convention for the gubernatorial nomination.

Ex-Governor William E. Cameron, who is spending the summer in Louisa county, has written a strong letter condemning the action of the Supreme Council, Royal Arcanum, in increasing so heavily the assessment rates on the old members of the order. He is satisfied that this exaction is not only unbearable, but unjust and unlawful. He will reserve the right to join in any legal procedure that may be taken for the restitution of his rights, or for the accounting by the order for the money already entrusted to it.

State Senator George S. Shackelford, of Orange county, has been declared the democratic candidate for the State Senate from Orange, Culpeper and Madison counties. No opposition to Mr. Shackelford has developed. In the adjoining district Senator John S. Chapman, of Greene county, will probably be nominated in the same way, as he has no opposition as yet. Capt. C. C. Taliaferro has been nominated for the House of Delegates from Orange county by the democratic party, defeating Mr. G. W. Pannill.

SENATOR MARTIN SPEAKS.

Senator Martin was the principal speaker at a barbecue at Chatham, the county seat of Pittsylvania county, yesterday, at which more than 2,000 persons were present. The Senator denied the charge of Governor Montague—that he is at the head of a machine. J. Taylor Ellyson, candidate for Lieutenant Governor, in a 15 minute talk, said J. Alston Cabell made a mistake in his recent interview, in which he said Ellyson promised him not to be a candidate, declaring that never at any time or in any place had he made such a statement.

An immense audience greeted Senator Martin and Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson at the Academy of Music in Danville last night. The building has rarely been so full. The speeches were bright, entertaining and well delivered, and the audience was enthusiastic. Senator Martin was introduced by Mr. W. T. Harris, and the greeting he received gratified him, as he acknowledged in the course of his speech. He discussed some points in Governor Montague's Manchester speech of Saturday night. Mr. Ellyson's speech was a presentation of his claims for nomination as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

In its account of the meeting the Richmond Times Dispatch says: Senator Martin evidently realized that he was in "the enemy's country," as well as before an audience that was made up of strangers, and in defending his record and giving an account of his stewardship, he was perhaps most earnest and threw more vim of soul into his address than have characterized any of his other speeches in the campaign. That Senator Martin made new friends was plain to a casual observer, and that he earned many votes his friends believe and are not slow to express their delight. The senator's reception was inspiring. The people cheered him, threw up their hats, and cheered again, and it was some minutes before he could begin his speech.

War Upon The Union.

Society in Portsmouth, Ohio, has declared war on the union. During a lecture given under the auspices of the Alliance of Women's Clubs the speaker said that the union had no value as a food, that it had no taste, appealing only to the sense of smell, and that it was useless to the stomach, as well as a nuisance. The odorous vegetable had friends, though, and arguments grew so heated that friends refused to speak, brothers quarreled, and in one instance an engagement was broken off because the prospective bridegroom carried in his pocket an onion.

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The Market.

Georgetown, July 18.—Wheat 65a50.

Today's Telegraphic News

The Torrid Wave.

New York, July 18.—The torrid wave still holds New York in its burning grasp, and is sending scores to the list of dead and prostrated. All night long the sun-baked streets radiated hot breaths and it was long after midnight before the thermometer fell below the nineties. Morning came and as the sun, burnished like a copper ball, rose in the hazy, stifling air, the temperature rose again and at nine o'clock the weather man, perched on a 22-story building, reported 86 degrees, or six degrees warmer than yesterday. Down on the sidewalks the unofficial thermometers consistently register red ninety degrees. The weather bureau promises no relief.

Thousands made no attempt to sleep last night and sat on the front steps, or passed the night away riding up and down the city in trolley cars. The parks on the lower east side, where humanity is packed in narrow confines by the thousands, were filled to their capacity by sleepers who flung themselves down on the ground and sought to take a moment's rest. The roofs of flats and tenements were covered with sleepers, while fire escapes were converted into sleeping places by the score. The recreation piers were crowded all night, while not a few slept on the string pieces of piers braving the danger of a sudden plunge in the waters of the river.

Up in the Italian district, in the Bronx, the inhabitants, driven to desperation by the sultry air, threw their mattresses out of the windows and soon the entire colony was sleeping on the pavements. The police arranged it that they did not block the street and let them alone. The beaches were eagerly sought as a resting place for the night, and under the supervision of the police, people ranged themselves in long rows along the sands. The beach hotels were filled, every room being taken. Business in the city is proceeding slowly because of the heat.

The supply of water in the reservoir in Brooklyn is reported very low, and a famine is feared. The water department has sent out word warning housekeepers to be as economical as possible just at the time when frequent baths and extraordinary use of water are inevitable results of the heated spell.

Philadelphia was the hottest city in the country yesterday, with ninety-six degrees, with New York a close second. Boston, July 18.—This was the hottest morning of the year. At 8 o'clock the mercury stood at 82, and at noon it registered 90. Boston is fortunate today in a low humidity, the record showing 66 per cent. as against 88 yesterday.

Chicago, July 18.—The crest of the hot wave has passed over Chicago and some relief is promised for tomorrow. Prof. Garriott, weather man, asserted the temperature today would approach the record of yesterday and that by tomorrow, there would be a little moderation.

Three deaths last night and today were added to the list of those who succumbed to the heat yesterday, making a total of six since yesterday morning. Two tragedies were due to the heat—the death of George Mooney, colored, who succumbed while crazed by the torrid temperature and Jacob Pryba, who fell from a window where he was seeking the air and was killed.

St. Louis, July 18.—There is no relief in sight from the excessive heat. Today, the temperature is expected to exceed Sunday and Monday's records of 92 degrees. In addition to the prostrations reported last night, there were three reported this morning.

Miss Pastor Bride of Millionaire.

Norton, Conn., July 18.—Today witnessed the climax of perfect romance of Miss Rose Harriet Pastor, the beautiful young Russian Jewess, cigar maker and charity worker, when she was wedded here to J. G. Phelps Stokes, millionaire philanthropist. "The Point," the beautiful castellated summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Phelps Stokes, parents of the bridegroom, was the scene of the wedding feast. The ceremony, which was celebrated at noon in the pretty Episcopal church of this village by the Rev. Louis French, assisted by Rev. Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., secretary of Yale University, was extremely simple, in accordance with the wishes of the bride. Oak leaves and daisies were the decorations. She wore a plain white gown of mousseline de soie without a veil. The bridal pair was unattended. The parents and brothers of Mr. Stokes, the immediate relatives of the bride and workers who have been associated with both bride and bridegroom, in the slum settlements of New York witnessed the ceremony. After the wedding breakfast Mr. and Mrs. Stokes went for the honeymoon to a cottage on the Shadowbrook estate of the bridegroom's father. They will go later on a European tour, which will include the poverty-stricken Russian village where the bride was born. When they return their home will be in a five-room apartment at Grand and Norfolk streets, where their educational and charitable work will be continued.

Drowned.

Valley View, Ky., July 18.—Miss Nancy Carpenter, aged 14, was drowned here last night. She was with a party of young people on a boat excursion on the river, when the guy rope from the boom knocked the top off the pilot house. Miss Carpenter was badly frightened and fell under the wheels of the boat. Business is suspended today while the river is being dragged in search of the body. Several other of the excursionists were injured when the accident happened.

Lexington, Ky., July 18.—The steam launch Shamrock, bearing forty dancing excursionists rammed a log boom in the Kentucky river near Valley View late last night, and sank in a few minutes. Nina Carpenter, aged 14, of Nicholasville, Ky., was drowned. Telephone advices today, however, state that several other persons were drowned and that the bodies have not been recovered.

Forty Persons Drowned.

Lahore, India, July 18.—The ferry boat plying on Anchor Lake capsized today, while carrying a large crowd of pleasure seekers, who were returning from a fête at Srinagar, Kashmir, and forty persons were drowned. Srinagar is one of the capitals of Kashmir. The lake near the town on which the accident occurred, is widely celebrated for its floating gardens.

Spilled Her Beauty.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Selt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c at E. S. Leadbeater & Sons' drug store.

Political.

[Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.] Richmond, Va., July 18.—Negotiations are about to be instituted looking to a joint debate in Petersburg between Gov. Montague and Senator Martin. It looks as if it may materialize.

Saturday is the last day for candidates to pay their primary assessments. D. Q. Eggleston settled today.

The grand jury investigation will end today with the probability of indictments in the election cases.

Paul Jones Body.

Newport, R. I., July 18.—The battleships, Alabama, Illinois, Iowa and Massachusetts, under command of Rear Admiral Davis, sailed today to join the fleet of American warships which is conveying the body of John Paul Jones to this country from France. The warship will cruise between here and Hampton Roads, Va., always within wireless communication of one another. When the inward bound ships are picked up, the warships will assemble and cruise as an escort to Hampton Roads. Tomorrow the first division of the battleship squadron, consisting of the Maine, Missouri, Kearsarge and Kentucky, commanded by Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, will sail from Newport to Hampton Roads.

Japanese on Saghalen.

Berlin, July 18.—The Schlessische Zeitung says that the Japanese who have practically overrun the island of Saghalen have released all the convicts on the island, which has been used for a convict station by Russia. In releasing the prisoners the Japanese have differentiated between the political prisoners and ordinary criminals in their disposal of the convicts. The political prisoners have been asked to remain on the island and become Japanese citizens. This invitation was accepted. The malefactors were shipped to the mainland, where they were turned loose in Siberia after being supplied with provisions. The Japanese have discovered the official records of the penal settlements of Saghalen.

Preparing for a Strike.

Madrid, July 18.—Employees throughout the capital have decided to inaugurate a strike which will last 24 hours as a protest against the inactivity of the government in reducing the tariff schedules. The strike will be declared this week. Mass meetings will be held during the time the strike is in progress, at which the working people will voice their demand for action on the tariff. The agitation for cheaper food stuffs has extended to the provinces, and the working people everywhere are showing a great deal of interest in the matter. It is feared that unless something is done in the near future to appease the people, rioting will follow.

No Arrests Yet.

Philadelphia, July 18.—Mayor Weaver today announced that acting upon the advice of his retiring chief counsel, Elihu Root, he had engaged Julian P. Davies, of New York, to take Mr. Root's place. The further official announcement was made that no attempt would be made to issue warrants for those who have figured in the filtration exposures until District Attorney Bell recovers from the injuries he received in an elevator accident yesterday. This practically means the declaration of a truce until fall in the prosecutions, and also in the local political war. Durham left the city this afternoon for a two-months stay in the Maine woods.

A Foolish Rumor.

London, July 18.—Advices from St. Petersburg say that a large part of the representatives of the Zemstvos and Dumas, who have arrived at Moscow for the meeting to be held tomorrow, favor issuing a proclamation deposing Emperor Nicholas and establishing a regency for the Grand Duke Alexis Nicolaievitch, the Czar's infant son, and heir-apparent to the throne. Under this plan the regency would be established under four of the Grand Dukes. It is alleged that the reason why the meeting of the Zemstvos and Dumas delegates has been forbidden is because the fact that so many of the delegates favored this plan became known.

Confiscated by Censor.

Moscow, July 18.—The censor has confiscated 25,000 copies of the reply which the Czar made to the delegation from the Zemstvo congress which recently waited upon him to present the demands of the Zemstvos. A petition is being circulated throughout this district to be presented to the Czar praying him not to give Jews a voice in the proposed representative assembly, when the call for assembly is promulgated.

Horrible Crime.

Patterson, N. J., July 18.—The most horrible crime that was ever committed in Passaic county was discovered this morning when Della Conklin, 19 years old, was found with her skull crushed at the foot of her mother's bed. Conklin, a small village about ten miles from Patterson. County Physician McBride says that every bone in her skull was smashed and that her brains were scattered about the room. The victim was a mountain of low moral standing. She was reported to be the wife of Sherman Conklin, 24 years old, and the two lived in Sloatsburg. Her husband, Hiram Conklin, to whom she was never legally married, is said to have haunted her ever since she went to live with her second husband, strange to relate, the victim's maiden name was Conklin and the two men named Conklin are in no wise related. Possess of citizens have started to look for Hiram Conklin, the suspected murderer. Hiram Conklin was arrested today by Assistant Prosecutor Ralph, at Midvale, and locked up. The police refuse to make any adjustment, as Prince Philip will hold the inquest into the death of the woman on Friday night next.

Princess Louise.

Vienna, July 18.—Princess Louise, of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, who was recently declared to be sane by the doctors who examined her in Paris after her escape from an asylum, has telegraphed to her attorney in Vienna, deploring the negotiations with Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, in regard to securing a divorce. The prince is still represented by Attorney Bachrach, who, according to Princess Louise, treated her shamefully while she was in the asylum. The princess declines to enter into negotiations with her husband while he retains Bachrach's. The question of the alleged cruel treatment of the princess will, therefore, come before a court of adjustment, as Prince Philip has begun proceedings for divorce at Gotha.

Good for Stomach Trouble and Constipation.

"Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets have done me a great deal of good," says C. Towns, of Rat Portage, Ontario, Canada. "Being a mild physic the after effects are not unpleasant, and I can recommend them to all who suffer from stomach disorder." For sale by Gibson and Timberman and W. F. Creighton & Co.

SMALL HAMS.—Missouri and Maryland Hams, small sizes, for sale low by J. C. MILBURN.

Railroad Accident.

Rochester, N. Y., July 18.—The western express due in this city at 4:05 this morning, was wrecked just east of the city line at 3:51 o'clock. Engineer Clark, was fatally scalded, dying in the hospital at six o'clock. His fireman, Martin Clossy, was also scalded, and George White, colored, riding in the smoker, was badly bruised. None of the other 175 passengers was hurt. The express was westbound, on track No. 2, and at the point where the accident occurred there is a sharp curve. A yard engine was backing a line of empty coal cars across to track No. 1. About half of the line had crossed, when the express crashed into the middle of the train of empty cars. The big express engine ploughed its way through the lighter cars, scattering